(b) and (c) Enforcement of the provisions of the Motor vehicles Act, 1988 is the responsibility of the States. The States have been advised from time to time to enforce various provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 in the right earnest to improve road safety scenario in the country.

Double laning of NHs with World Bank support

†3058. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with support from World Bank, Government is planning to convert the 6378 km. length of single lane national highway into double lane;

(b) if so, whether the World Bank is prepared to support it; and

(c) the details of length of single lane highways in the country as of now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has approached World Bank for a loan of US $ 2.96 billion for widening of 6376 km. of National Highways and World Bank has agreed in principle to support it.

(c) The length of single/intermediate lane National Highways in the country as of now is 19,064 km.

Approval of flyovers in Kerala

3059. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has given any approval of flyovers in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Edappilly-Kundanoor-Vytila flyovers has been included in this list; and

(d) if so, how much fund has been allotted for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 11 No. flyovers are proposed to be constructed in Kerala under National Highways Development Project Phase-II and III through National Highway Authority of India at the following locations:—

(i) At Crossing of NH-47 with NH-208 (Km 494.960 of NH-47)

(ii) Puthur flyover (Km 272/323 of NH-47)

(iii) Thrissur bypass (Km 277/190 of NH-47)

(iv) Kodakara (Km 294/004 of NH-47)

(v) Potta (Km 299/499 of NH-47)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(vi) Chalakudy (Km 303/000 of NH-47)

(vii) Aluva (Km 330/940 of NH-47)

(viii) Vadakkancherry bypass (Km 240/900 of NH-47)

(ix) Mannuthy junction (Km 268/200 of NH-47)

(x) Chandranagar junction (Km 203/750 of NH-47)

(xi) Kindimukku junction (Km 228/000 of NH-47)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Removal of portraits and statues of freedom fighters on NHs

3060. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations from Road Safety Forum complaining about removal of portraits and statues of our revered freedom fighters for construction of highways and generously allowing liquor shops to come up in those places;

(b) the steps taken, if any by Government to ensure treating of the portraits and statues of our freedom fighters with dignity by agencies engaged in National Highway construction; and

(c) the details of measures taken, if any, to ensure road safety in response to the suggestions made by the Forum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO S. KHANDELA): (a) A representation from Road Safety Forum was received by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) regarding removal of hoarding sponsored by Andhra Bank in the model village of Gundugolanu which also contained a small portrait of Freedom Fighter, late Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya in National Highways (NH) land near Gundugolanu, West Godavari District on NH-5 in Andhra Pradesh. The Road Safety Forum has also been representing for removing the liquor shops from National Highways.

(b) Removal of hoarding at accident prone area in NH (Right Of Way) is not to be treated as disrespect to the Freedom Fighters. However, a big hoarding was lying just adjacent to the Carriageway in NH (Right Of Way) near a junction and curve which was removed as it was accident prone. This is as per Ministry's guidelines.

(c) Licensing of liquor shops is covered under Excise Policy of the State. However, the matter of removal of liquor shops along Highways was discussed in the 7th meeting of the National Road Safety Council (NRSC), held on 15.1.2004 in New Delhi, and it was unanimously agreed that licenses for liquor vends should not be given along National Highways. The Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretary (Transport) of all States/UTs were requested on